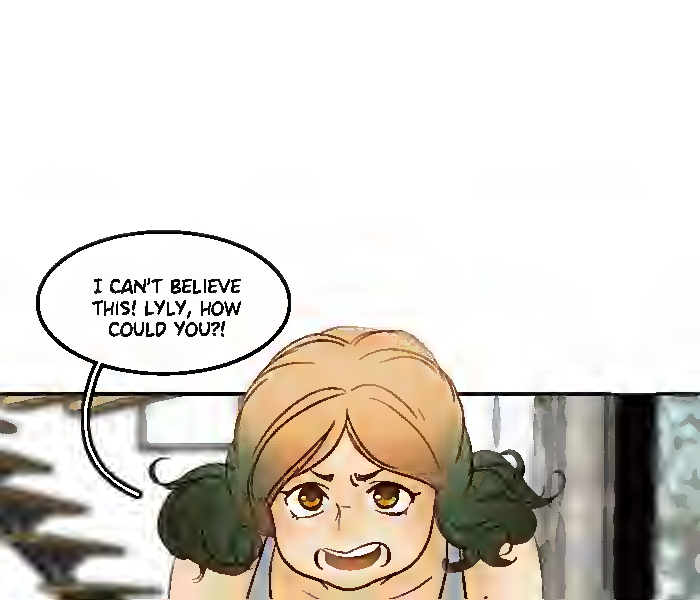
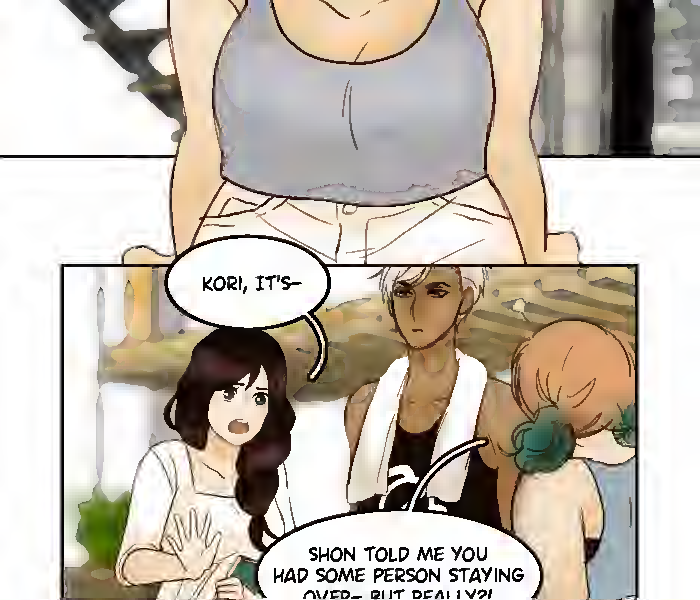
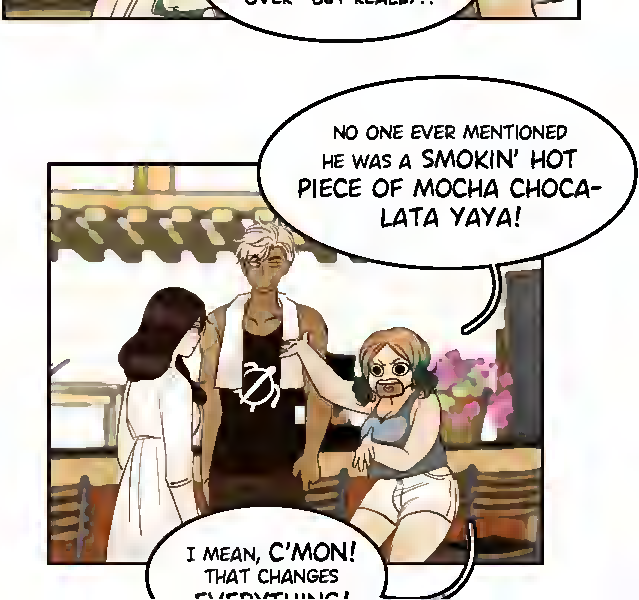
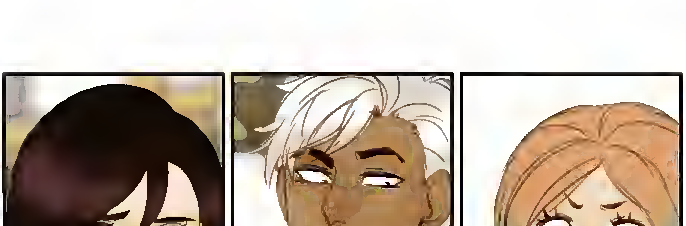
Please have your sound on for this chapter

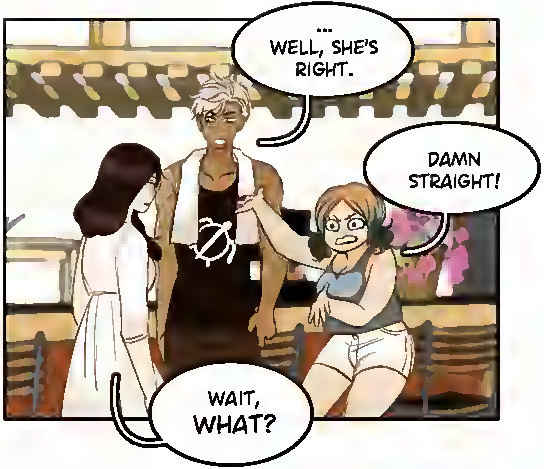

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS! LYLY, HOW COULD YOU?!


KORI, IT'S–
SHON TOLD ME YOU HAD SOME PERSON STAYING


NO ONE EVER MENTIONED HE WAS A SMOKIN' HOT PIECE OF MOCHA CHOCA-LATA YAYA!
I MEAN, C'MON! THAT CHANGES

EVERYTHING!

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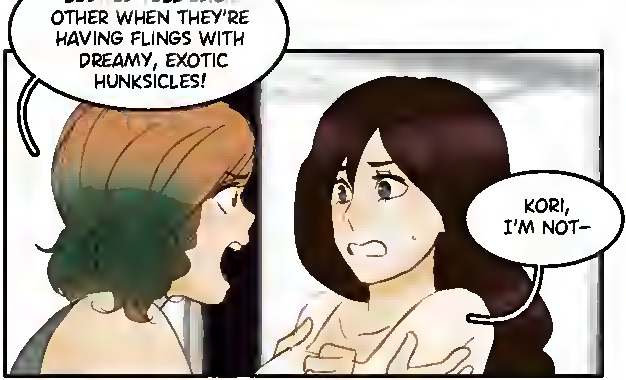
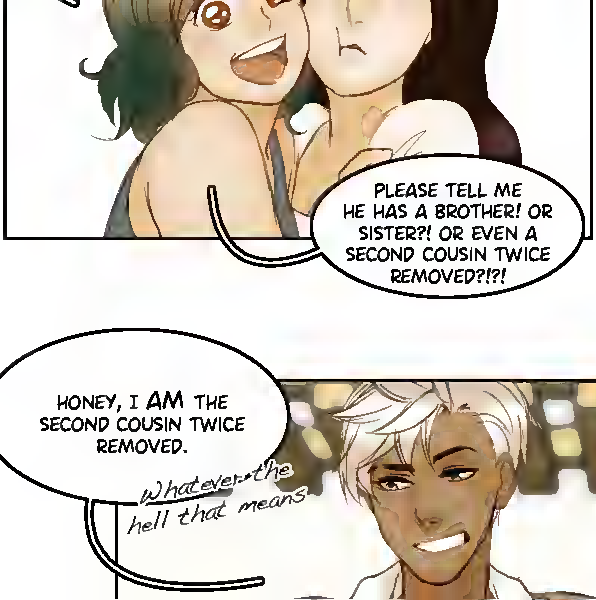
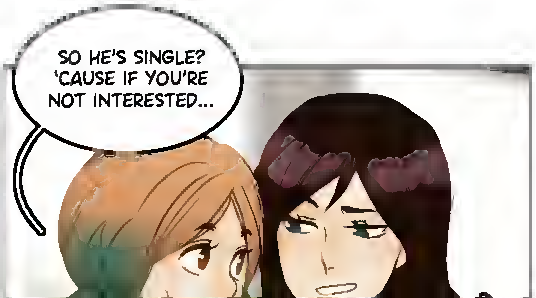
WELL, SHE'S RIGHT.
DAMN STRAIGHT!
WAIT, WHAT?

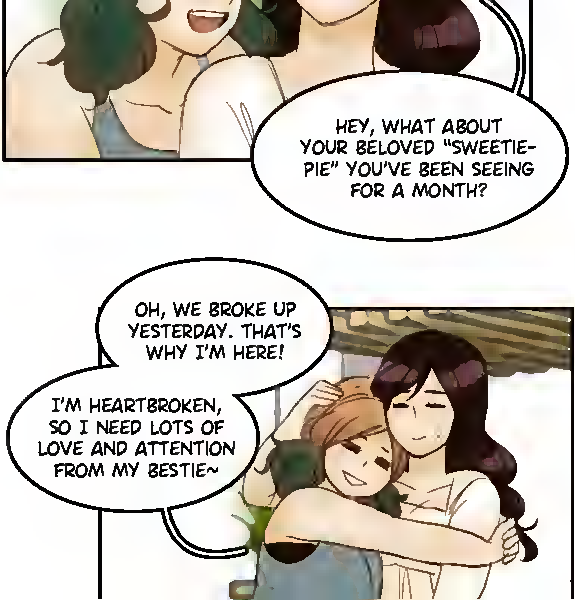

OTHER WHEN THEY'RE HAVING FLINGS WITH DREAMY, EXOTIC HUNKSICLES!
KORI, I'M NOT–
BUT I MUST SAY, WHAT A CATCH! WAY TO GO, LYLY!


PLEASE TELL ME HE HAS A BROTHER! OR SISTER?! OR EVEN A SECOND COUSIN TWICE REMOVED?!?!
HONEY, I AM THE SECOND COUSIN TWICE REMOVED.
Whatever the hell that means

KYAA!
NO, HE'S NOT.
KORI, THIS IS IAN— WHOM I AM NOT HAVING A FLING WITH. HE'S JUST A FAMILY FRIEND FROM OVERSEAS.
YO.

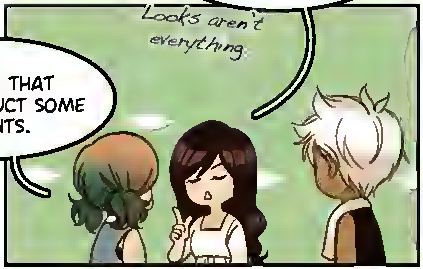
IAN, THIS IS KORI.
MY BEST FRIEND AND
SHON'S LITTLE SISTER.


SO HE'S SINGLE?
'CAUSE IF YOU'RE
NOT INTERESTED...


HEY, WHAT ABOUT YOUR BELOVED "SWEETIE-PIE" YOU'VE BEEN SEEING FOR A MONTH?
OH, WE BROKE UP YESTERDAY. THAT'S WHY I'M HERE!
I'M HEARTBROKEN, SO I NEED LOTS OF LOVE AND ATTENTION FROM MY BESTIE~

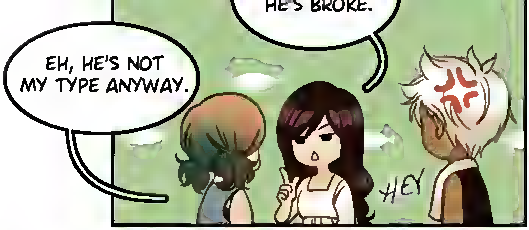
...TRUST ME, YOU'RE NOT HEARTBROKEN.
RUDE! HOW WOULD YOU KNOW SOMETHING LIKE THAT?

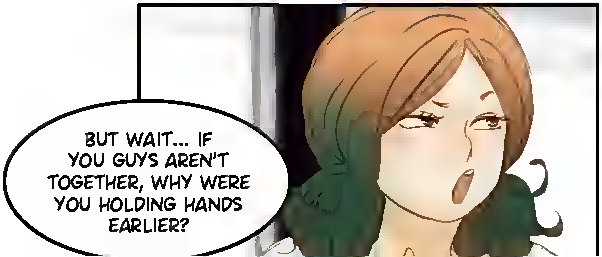
HE'S JUST NATUALLY RUDE. WHAT MATTERS IS FINDING A PERSON WHO RESPECTS YOU.



YEAH... THAT DOES DEDUCT SOME POINTS.

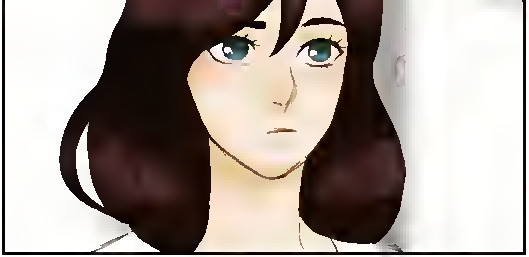
... PLUS,


HE'S BROKE.
EH, HE'S NOT MY TYPE ANYWAY.
HEY


BUT WAIT... IF YOU GUYS AREN'T TOGETHER, WHY WERE YOU HOLDING HANDS EARLIER?

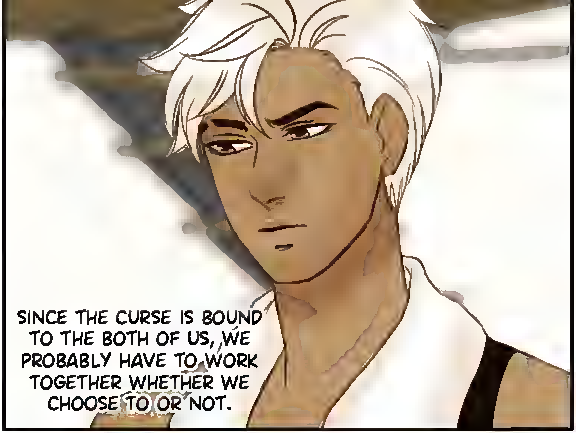
WE WEREN'T HOLDING HANDS, I WAS JUST–
OFFERING ME A JOB.

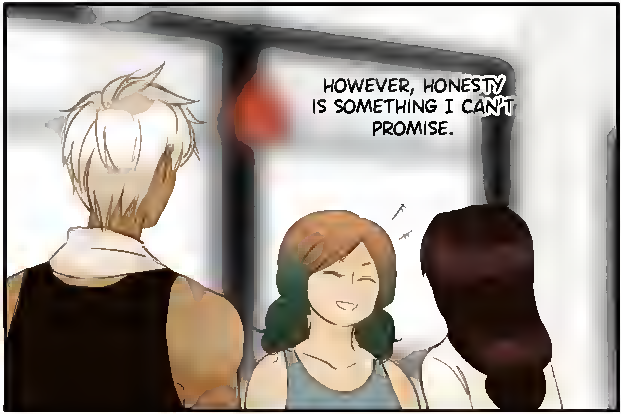
WE MADE AN AGREEMENT WE'D WORK TOGETHER DURING MY STAY HERE AND SHOOK ON IT.
EVEN IF IT MEANS HAVING TO HANG AROUND THIS LAME SHOP ALL DAY SOMETIMES.



DOES THAT MEAN HE'S
WILLING TO COMPROMISE?

THAT'S CORRECT... BUT IF YOU INSULT THE SHOP AGAIN, YOU'RE OUT.
YEAH, YEAH.


SINCE THE CURSE IS BOUND TO THE BOTH OF US, WE PROBABLY HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER WHETHER WE CHOOSE TO OR NOT.

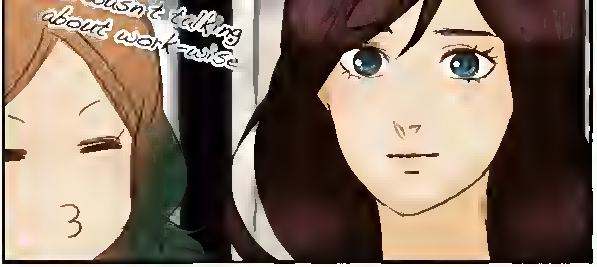


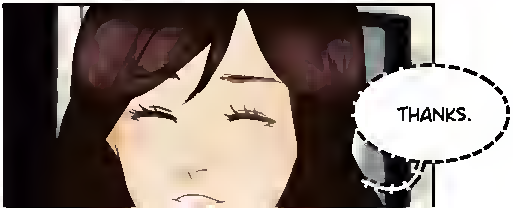
FOR THE SAKE OF SAVING

MY OWN SKIN, I'LL HAVE TO KEEP SOME INFORMATION CONCEALED FROM FISH BAIT.

Ooh~ that also means Shon has competition.

Shon has four years worth of work experience here. I doubt it.


isn't talking
about work-wise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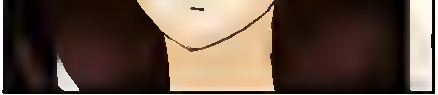

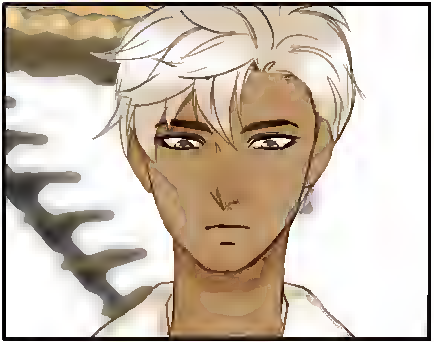

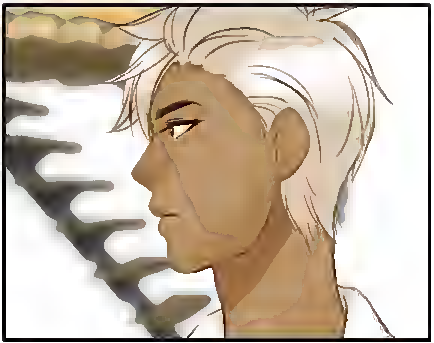

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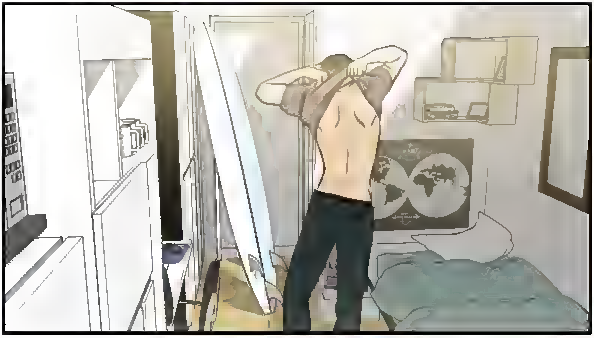
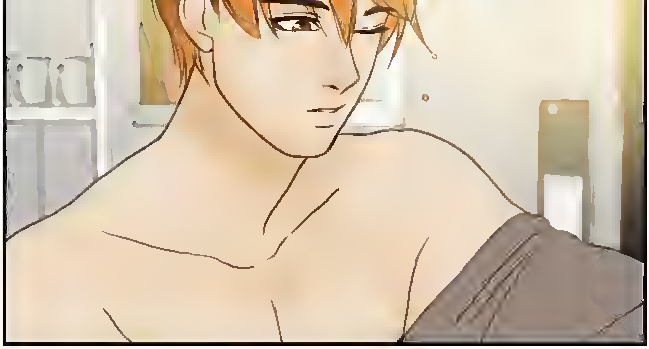
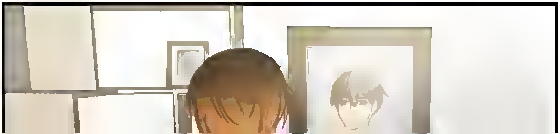
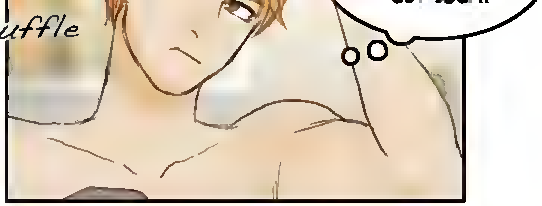






MAYBE I SHOULD TRY STYLING MY HAIR... OR GET IT CUT SOON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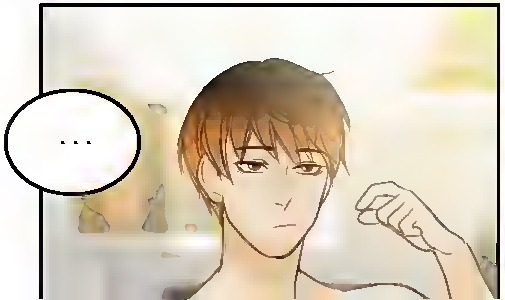
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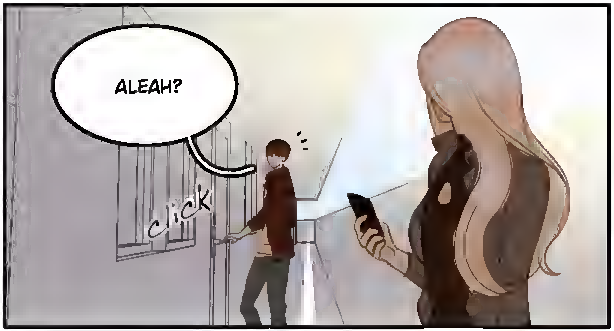
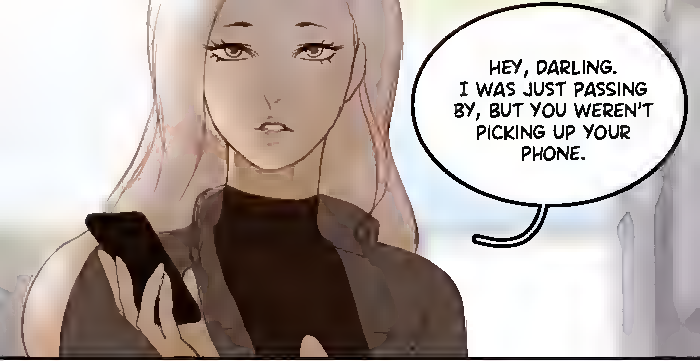
AH, WHO AM I KIDDING.


ALEAH?
click


HEY, DARLING.
I WAS JUST PASSING BY, BUT YOU WEREN'T PICKING UP YOUR PHONE.

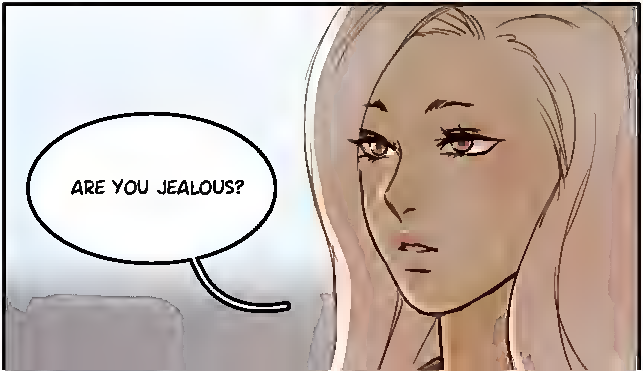
OH, MY PHONE GOT WATER DAMAGED EARLIER. SORRY ABOUT THAT.

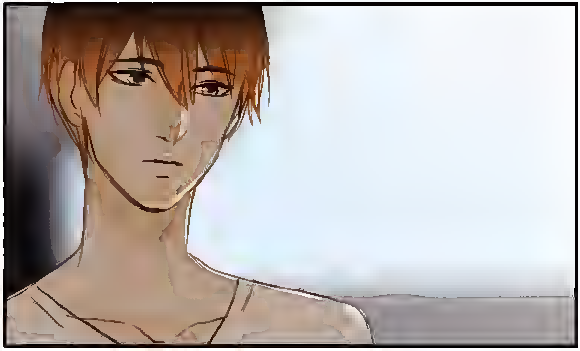
AH, THAT MAKES SENSE. WELL, ANYWAY... WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

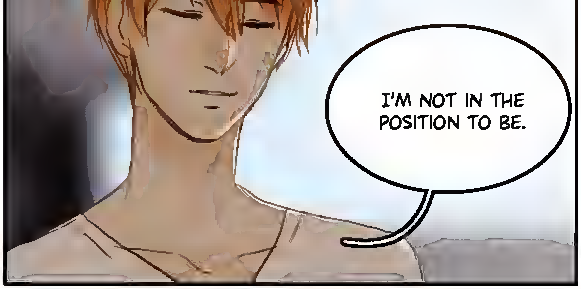
LYRA'S. I'M HELPING AROUND THE SHOP AGAIN TODAY.
Hmm.

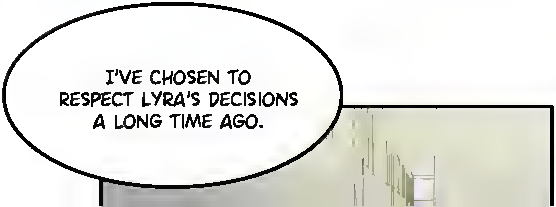
I SEE... I DROPPED BY THERE YESTERDAY AND I SAW YOUR FRIEND WITH A BOY.
Okay, that's better.
OH, THAT'S IAN. HE'S FROM OVERSEAS.

HE'S STAYING AT LYR'S WHILE HE'S IN TOWN.





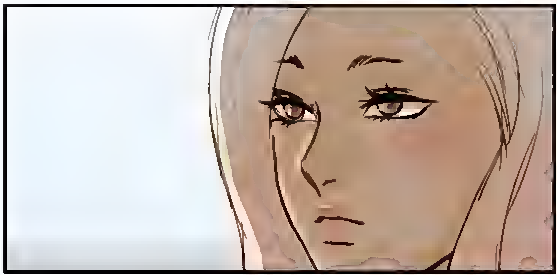

I'M NOT IN THE POSITION TO BE.

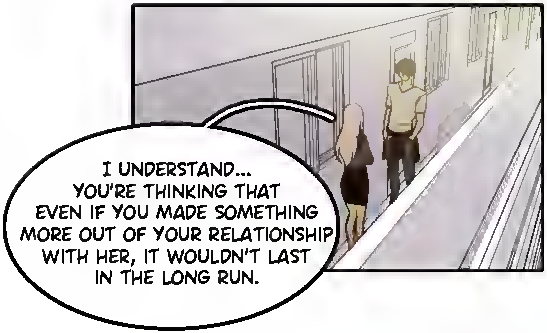

I'VE CHOSEN TO RESPECT LYRA'S DECISIONS A LONG TIME AGO.

BESIDES, I OVERHEARD LYR TALKING TO HER GRANDMOTHER BEFORE... SHE DOESN'T SEE ME THAT WAY.

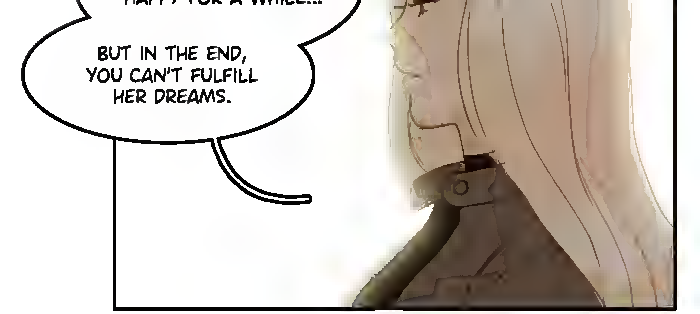
SHE CHERISHES OUR FRIENDSHIP... AND SO DO I. I CAN'T HAVE FEELINGS

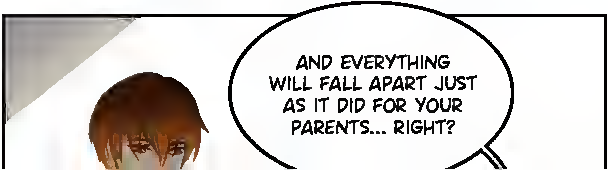
LIKE JEALOUSY INTERFERE WITH THAT.

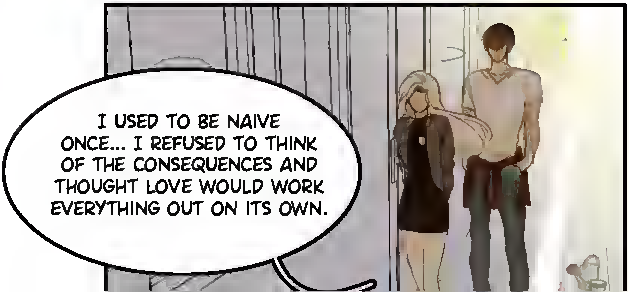



I UNDERSTAND... YOU'RE THINKING THAT EVEN IF YOU MADE SOMETHING MORE OUT OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HER, IT WOULDN'T LAST IN THE LONG RUN.

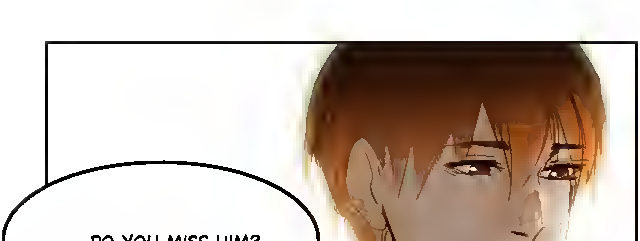
PERHAPS YOU'D BE

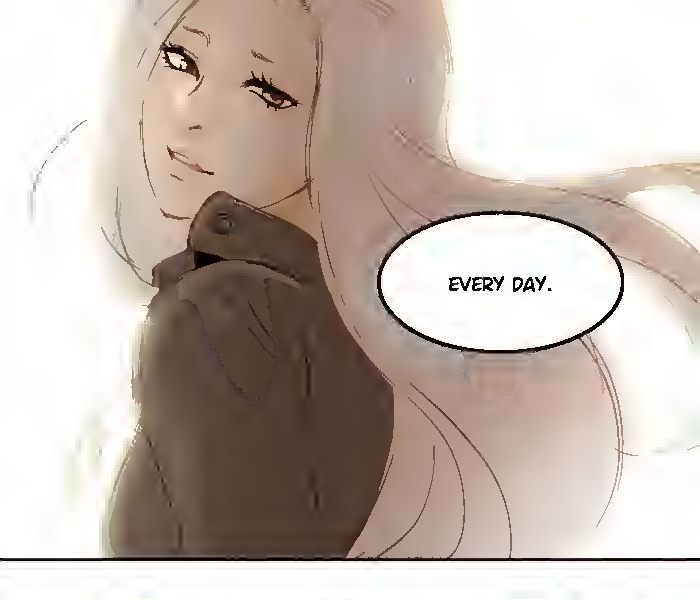

HAPPY FOR A WHILE...
BUT IN THE END, YOU CAN'T FULFILL HER DREAMS.

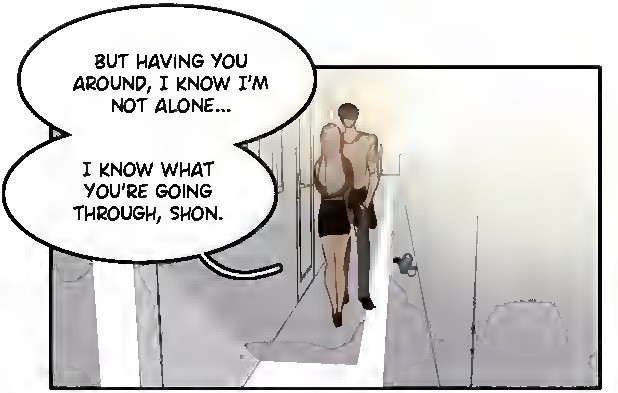

AND EVERYTHING WILL FALL APART JUST AS IT DID FOR YOUR PARENTS... RIGHT?

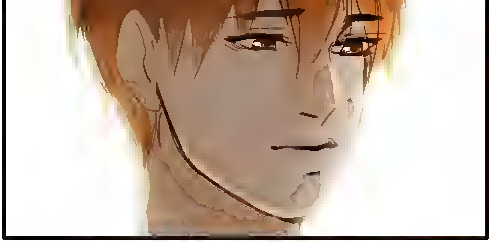

I USED TO BE NAIVE ONCE... I REFUSED TO THINK OF THE CONSEQUENCES AND THOUGHT LOVE WOULD WORK EVERYTHING OUT ON ITS OWN.

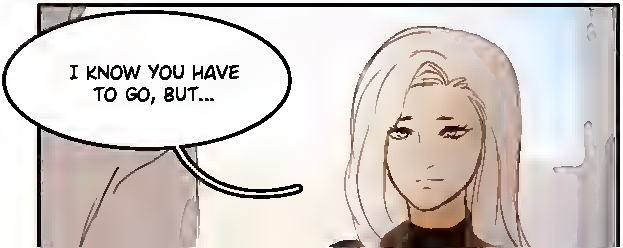
BUT I WAS TOO RECKLESS.
I WOUND UP HURTING
MYSELF EVEN MORE AND
LOSING EVERYTHING I HAD...

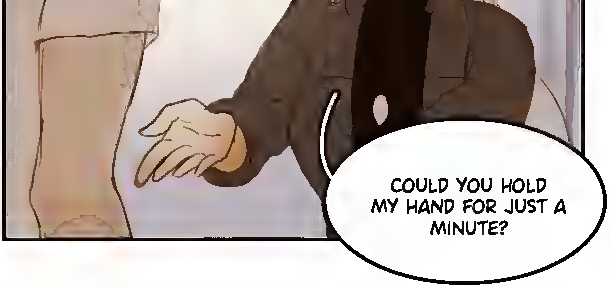

... DO YOU MISS HIM?

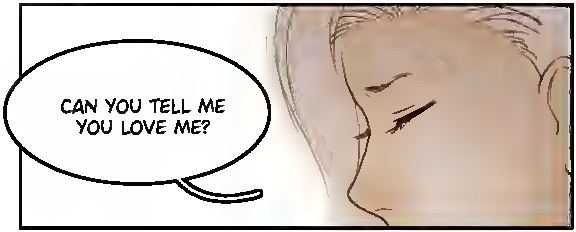

EVERY DAY.


BUT HAVING YOU AROUND, I KNOW I'M NOT ALONE...
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING THROUGH, SHON.

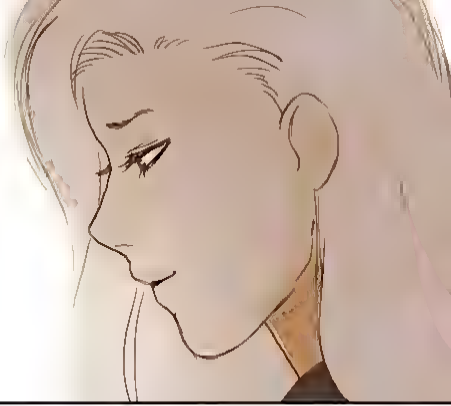



I KNOW YOU HAVE TO GO, BUT...


COULD YOU HOLD MY HAND FOR JUST A MINUTE?


CAN YOU TELL ME
YOU LOVE ME?

... I LOVE YOU,
ALEAH.



... I MISS THAT TOO.

Siren's Lament

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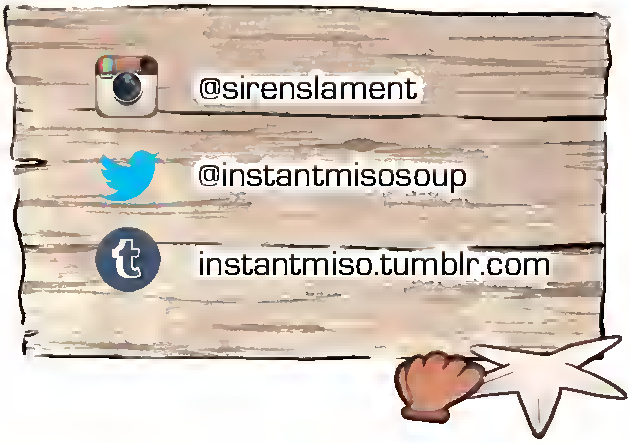
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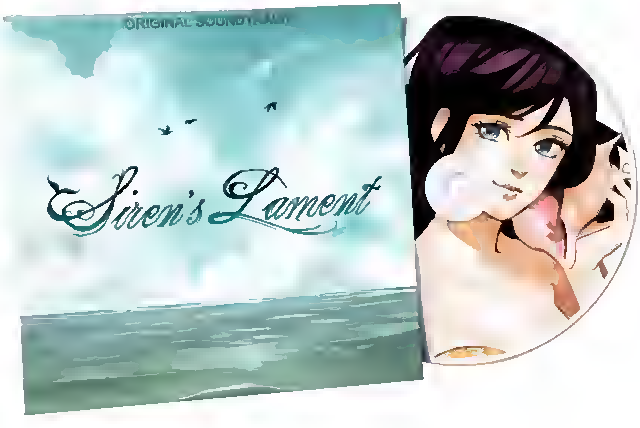

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